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QUESTION OF THE REALIZATION IN ALL COUNTRIES OF THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS CONTAINED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, AND STUDY OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS WHICH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FACE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THESE HUMAN RIGHTS

Administrative and programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document E/CN.4/1998/L.17 entitled "Effects on the full enjoyment of human rights of the economic adjustment policies arising from foreign debt and, in particular, on the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development"

A. Request contained in the resolution

1. Under the terms of paragraph 8 of draft resolution E/CN.4/1998/L.17, the Commission on Human Rights would decide to appoint, for a period of three years, a special rapporteur on the effects of foreign debt on the full enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights.

2. In paragraph 10 of the same resolution, the Secretary-General is requested to provide the Special Rapporteur with all necessary assistance, in particular the staff and resources required to perform his/her functions.

B. Relationship of request to the programme of work

3. The above-mentioned activity falls under programme 19 (Human Rights), subprogramme 3 (Advisory services, technical cooperation, support to human rights fact-finding procedures and field activities) of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 (A/51/6/Rev.1).

4. It also falls under subprogramme 3 (Advisory services, technical cooperation, support to human rights fact-finding procedures and field activities) of Section 22 (Human Rights) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. It will fall under the same subprogramme in the proposed programme budget for 2000-2001.

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

5. During the course of 1998, the Special Rapporteur would undertake one trip to Geneva, for a period of three working days, to hold consultations at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and review documentation, to meet representatives of Governments as well as of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

6. In 1998, the Special Rapporteur, accompanied by an OHCHR staff member, would undertake one visit to the field for a period of five working days.

7. In 1999, 2000 and 2001, the Special Rapporteur would undertake one mission to Geneva and one mission to the field, of the same duration as in 1998.

8. The substantive servicing of the Special Rapporteur would involve the work of one Professional Officer at the P-3 level for a period of four months in 1998/1999 and two months in 2000.

D. Modification of the programme of work

9. The description of the programme of work under subprogramme 3 of Section 22 of the programme budget for 1998-1999 would be modified through the addition of a reference to a thematic mandate on the effects of foreign debt on the full enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights, and to the preparation and processing of the related reports, under paragraphs 22.55 and 22.57 (ii) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. The same reference would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2000-2001

E. Additional requirements at full cost

10. The preliminary estimated full cost of the above activity is itemized as follows:

Section 22

1998-1999

A.	Staff support for Special Rapporteur	
	Professional (P-3), 4 w/m in 1998/1999	$ 30,700
B.	Travel of Special Rapporteur	
	Travel to Geneva for three working days in 1998 and 1999	$ 8,800
	Travel to the field for five working days in 1988 and 1999	$ 9,600

C.	Travel of OHCHR staff	$ 9,600
D.	Miscellaneous expenses in connection with field missions	$ 3,000
	TOTAL	$ 61,700

2000-2001

A.	Staff support for Special Rapporteur	
	Professional (P-3), 2 w/m in 2000	$ 15,400
B.	Travel of Special Rapporteur	
	Travel to Geneva for three working days in 2000 and 2001	$ 8,800
	Travel to the field for five working days in 2000 and 2001	$ 9,600
C.	Travel of OHCHR staff	$ 9,600
D.	Miscellaneous expenses in connection with field missions	$ 3,000
	TOTAL	$ 46,400

F. Potential for absorption

11. No provision has been made under the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 for this purpose. The potential for absorption as well as any net additional resources required would be included in the final programme budget implications statement to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its next session, in the context of the Council's review of the report of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission. The resources required for 2000-2001 would be included in the proposed programme budget for that biennium.